

The Amazing Reading Race

*All Students entering 1st - 5th grade

BIBLE

	Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses	# of Verses	#/5=	# of Pages
1						
2						
3						

Magazines &
Family Read
Alouds

1		
2		
3		

Folk Tales, Tall
Tales, & Fairy
Tales

1		
2		
3		

Animals and
Science

1		
2		
3		

Art, Music,
Sports, &
Hobbies

1		
2		
3		

Poetry, Jokes,
& Fiction

1		
2		
3		

History &
Biography

1		
2		
3		

Total Pages Read of Books on this Sheet	
Total Number of Bible Pages Read	
Total Extra Page Read (Attached Sheet)	
GRAND TOTAL	

Student _____ Teacher _____ Entering ____ Grade in August 2011

Parent's Signature _____ Phone Number _____

*Form due by Wednesday, August 24, 2011. Extra copies available at www.nflschool.org

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Name _____ Grade Entering _____

Parent's Signature _____

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MAGAZINES & FAMILY READ ALOUDS – Magazines are an excellent source of information about a variety of topics, illustrated with photographs and drawings.. Children’s magazines can be found at bookstores, libraries, and ordered through annual subscriptions. Research shows that reading informational text is a crucial life skill and magazines are perfect for practicing this type of reading. Research also confirms the importance of family read-alouds in exposing students to a larger vocabulary and modeling reading with fluency. family read-alouds can include reading scripture, doing daily devotionals, reading fiction or non-fiction together, and even reading newspaper and magazine articles.

FOLKTALES, TALL TALES, FABLES, & FAIRY TALES – Folktales are stories that have been passed to us over the years by real people. There are many types of folktales, including the following:

- ✓ Fables teach a lesson or moral, usually with animal characters
- ✓ Tall talks are folktales that have a key element of exaggeration
- ✓ Fairy tales usually have magical elements with characters that could be fairies, giants, or elves.

LIBRARY CALL NUMBER: 398 in the Non-fiction section

ANIMALS & SCIENCE - This category can include books about weather, science experiments, natural disasters, and plant and animal life around the world.

LIBRARY CALL NUMBER: 500-599 in the Non-fiction section;
Pets are in 636 of the Non-fiction section

ART, MUSIC, SPORTS, & HOBBIES – This category of fine arts, sports, and hobbies contains excellent how-to books as well as books about favorite sports teams, camping, hiking, extreme sports, collecting, and paper crafts.

LIBRARY CALL NUMBER: 700-799 in the Non-fiction section

POETRY, JOKES, & FICTION - Poetry books are those that include poems or text in verse. Poems may be humorous, serious, lyrical, or tell a story. Joke books can contain simple knock-knock jokes or more sophisticated jokes and tricks. Fiction titles can be found in both the Easy or Fiction sections of the library, depending on your child’s age.

LIBRARY CALL NUMBER: 811 IN THE Non-fiction section;
Easy or Fiction sections of the library as well

HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY – History books detail events in American or world history and can include narrative descriptions as well as photos, maps, and other graphics. Biographies are histories of a person's life or parts of his/her life. A biography that is written by a person about his or her own life is called an autobiography.

LIBRARY CALL NUMBER: Biography section – listed by the first 3 letters of the subject's last name
OR in call numbers 900-999 in the Non-fiction

AREA PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

Leon County Libraries - <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/library/>

- ✓ Havana Public Library – 203 East 5th Avenue, Havana; 539-2844
- ✓ Collins Main Library- 200 W. Park Avenue, Tallahassee; 606-2665
- ✓ Lake Jackson Branch – 3840-302 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee; 606-2850
- ✓ Northeast Branch – 5513 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee; 606-2800
- ✓ Parkway Branch – 1210 Capital Circle SE, Tallahassee; 606-2750
- ✓ Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. Branch – 2817 South Adams St., Tallahassee; 606-2950
- ✓ Fort Braden Branch – 16327 Blountstown Hwy, Tallahassee; 606-2900

RESEARCH TO SUPPORT SUMMER READING:

Decades of research have been conducted about what educational experts call “the summer slide”, particularly in the area of reading comprehension and fluency. Studies show that students who don't continue to read over the summer are likely to lose crucial academic ground. Reading expert Jim Trelease states, “By every measure we have, those children who read the most outside school, also read the best.”

8 Tips to Engage Kids in Summer Reading (Scholastic, Inc.):

1. Prompt them to read by recommending books that are interesting!
2. Read aloud/along with your kids, modeling fluency and enjoying stories together
3. Try a new series
4. Always have a book on hand – in the car, at the beach, at the pool, waiting in offices.
5. Let them see you reading, too!
6. Provide suggestions from books you loved as a kid.
7. Read at any time of the day, not just bedtime.
8. Look for activities around books – day trips, experiments, projects.

*For more information on Jim Trelease and The Read-Aloud Handbook, as well as recommended reading lists for all ages, visit www.release-on-reading.com